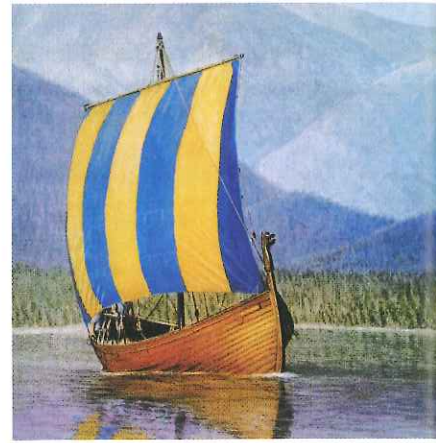


Viking Impact on Europe

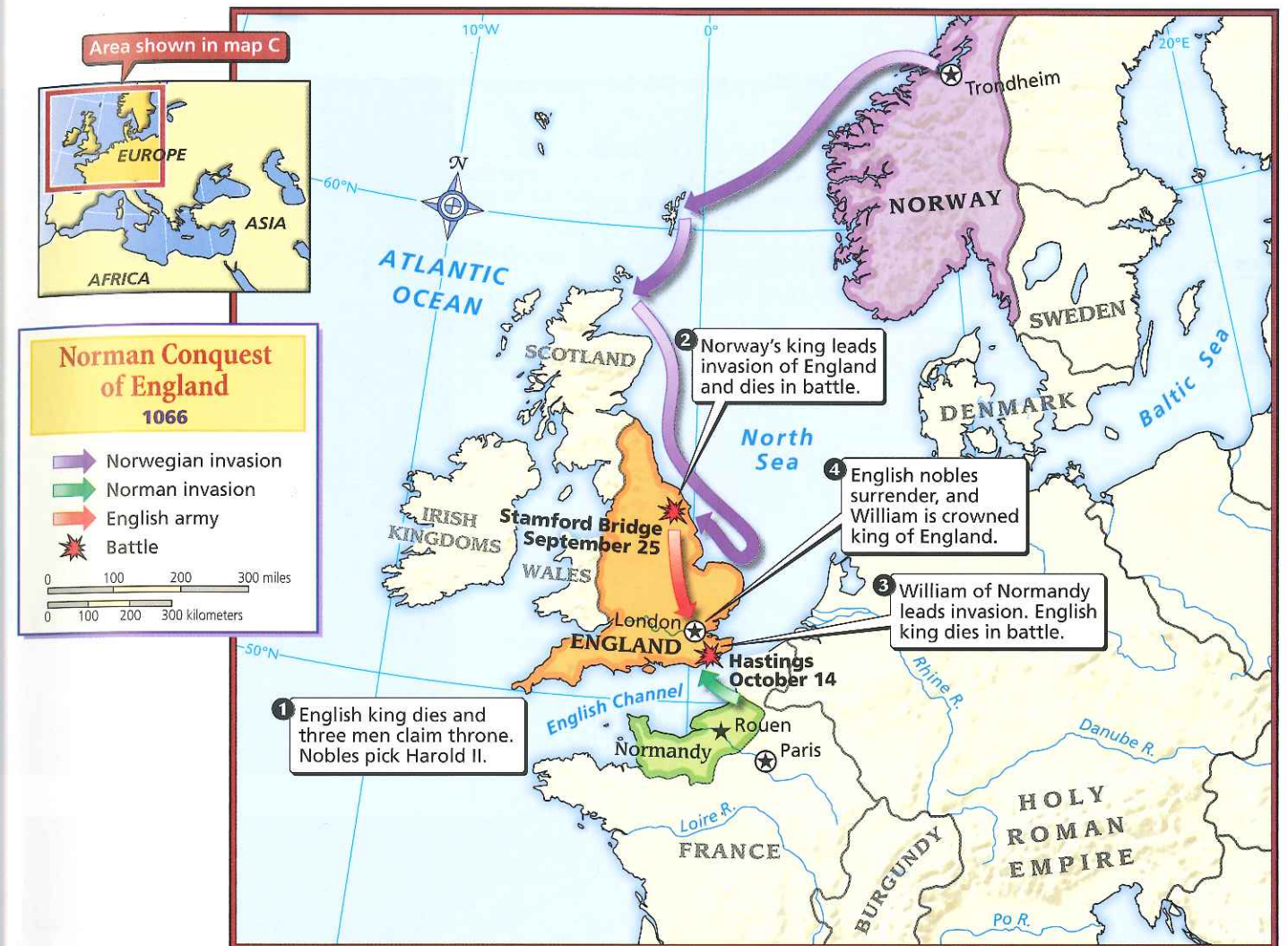
Vikings came from Scandinavia—Denmark, Sweden, and Norway. They were fierce warriors and superb sailors.

- Vikings terrorized towns along the coasts and rivers of Europe. They murdered villagers and looted and burned their towns.
- Vikings also built settlements in Europe as well as in Iceland and Greenland.
- One group of Vikings, called Normans, later conquered and ruled England.

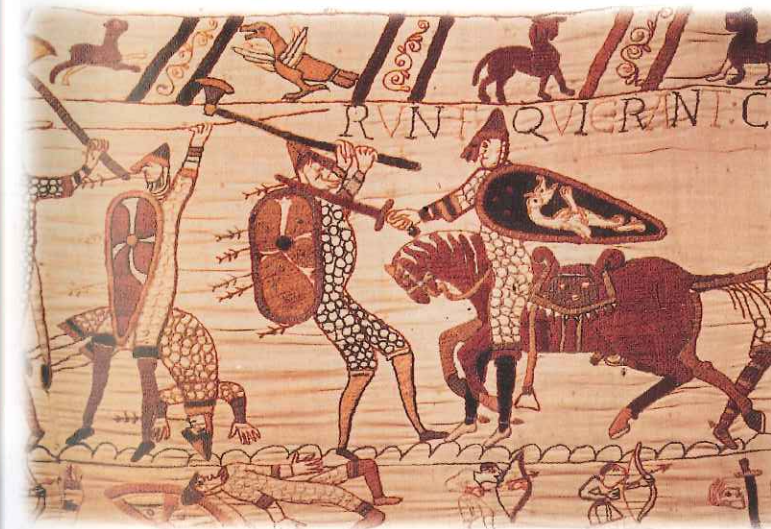
A Viking ships used sails and oars to cross open water and move up rivers. Vikings landed quickly and left before defenders could gather.



B Vikings usually raided and settled near water routes. Which Vikings established settlements farthest east? Farthest west?



C In 1066 England was invaded by two groups of Vikings, one from Norway and the other from Normandy. The Normans were victorious, and their leader became known as William the Conqueror.



D During the Norman Conquest, Norman horsemen defeated Anglo-Saxon foot soldiers. Norman women embroidered a 230-foot long cloth, the Bayeux Tapestry, depicting the conquest. One section is shown here.

Norman who?

The French king allowed Vikings to settle along his country's northwest coast. A Viking settler was called a **Norman**, short for Norseman or Northman. The region came to be known as Normandy.